

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2127

January 21, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires operators of railroad or locomotives to have at least two crewmembers on board at all time. The crewmembers shall be: one certified or licensed railroad locomotive engineer and one railroad trainman or conductor. Also requires a certified railroad locomotive engineer to operate the control at all times that the locomotive is in motion. The other crewmember may dismount the train or locomotive when necessary to perform switching activities and other duties in the course of his or her job. These provisions shall not apply to the operation by maintenance workers within a designated shop or repair area. Authorizes the Tennessee Department of Transportation to enforce the law. A violation of the crew requirement is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine only, of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100. A second violation of the crew requirement within 3 years of a previous violation is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine only not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant/Highway Fund

**Increase State Expenditures - \$36,100 Recurring/Highway Fund
\$3,300 One-Time/Highway Fund**

Estimate assumes the following:

- A not significant increase in state revenues due to fines collected from violations resulting in convictions.
- An increase in state expenditures based on the addition of one administrative enforcement agent.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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